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11 by two facing tapered surface portions, and narrow slot-like drainage passages formed
12 by said shallow channels, wherein the vertical angle at which the tapered portion
13 extends with respect to the plane in which the remaining portion of the lateral surface
14 lies is greater than 0° and less than 15°.

Please amend claim 8 as follows.

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1 8. (Three Times Amended) A paving surface for the management of
2 rainwater, floodwater or liquid spillage having a permeable layer on a supporting
3 substrate layer, which supporting substrate layer is permeable to liquid and is of
4 particulate material providing interstitial cavities for receiving rainwater, floodwater
5 or spillage draining through the permeable layer, wherein the permeable layer is
6 constructed at least partially by the close-fitting without joint filling of a plurality of
7 paving blocks, wherein said paving blocks have an upper surface, a lower surface and
8 lateral surfaces extending between the upper and lower surfaces and contacting in use
9 at least apart of a lateral surface of at least one adjacent paving block, a substantial
10 portion of at least two lateral surfaces of the paving block extending to the upper
11 surface being tapered along the entirety of the edge between the upper surface and the
12 lateral surface, wherein at least one of the lateral surfaces has a shallow channel wider
13 than it is deep extending from the upper surface to the lower surface and so positioned
14 as to form, when the block is placed in abutting contact with another block in use
15 thereof, upwardly open gullies formed by two facing tapered lateral surface portions,
16 and narrow slot-like drainage passages formed by two facing shallow channels,
17 wherein the vertical angle at which the tapered portion extends with respect to the

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- 18 plane in which the remaining portion of the lateral surface lies is greater than 0° and
- 19 less than 15° .